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LaSalle Open House for Public Works Projects

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The City of LaSalle is hosting an Open House for three Public Works projects as an opportunity to express our appreciation for those involved with moving the projects from inception to reality. These projects will benefit the residents of LaSalle, as well as the northern Illinois region. The purpose of this series of events is to share our success stories with the public, and to demonstrate how public funding is helping to shape a more positive future for the residents in this area. The schedule for the Open House activities includes:

- 10:00 AM – LaSalle Ike Dike** **400 River Street, LaSalle, IL**
There will be photo opportunities and notes of appreciation given at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant ('LaSalle Ike Dike'). This is a nearly \$3 million project that was completed in the past year to secure this publicly Owned Treatment Works from flooding by the Illinois River. It was completed in a most timely fashion, as the Spring floods of 2013 would have once again flooded the facility when record levels of flooding occurred in this region. This facility was flooded in 2008, and suffered approximately \$1.2 million in damages. An additional phase of changing out final effluent pumps has been put out to bid, and is awaiting award for this portion of the project.
- 1:00 PM – East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility** **2839 Eagle Drive, LaSalle, IL**
There will be photo opportunities and notes of appreciation given at the 'East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility.' This is a \$15 million project, supported with funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), which has been online for nearly two years. It was built to handle growth within the I-39 and I-80 corridor in the northeast area of LaSalle. It consists of a number of 'green' technologies and was built with several driving factors: 1) being expandable in the future; 2) having technology that will meet the needs of today and into the future; 3) minimizing the need for staffing; and 4) minimizing bio-solids generation and using technology that minimizes energy and the carbon footprint as much as possible.
- 3:00 PM – Prairie and Rotary Parks** **2845 East 5th Street, LaSalle, IL**
There will be photo opportunities and notes of appreciation given at the 'Prairie and Rotary Parks' project. The original Prairie Park land and the property where the East Side Wastewater Treatment Facility are located were part of a land transfer between the City of LaSalle and the Illinois Cement parent Company. The Rotary Park site was also under ownership of that firm, and was purchased through a project between the City and Illinois Department of Natural Resources that was funded through the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) program. Phase 1 (of five phases) was recently completed in 2013, and was another OSLAD-funded project. The park offers soccer fields, walking trails, handicapped accessible playground equipment, a fishing pond, dog parks, a shelter, and benches.

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